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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

WILLIAMS ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/531,571

Filed: March 20, 2000

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
NOTIFYING AN ELECTRONIC
BILLING VENDOR OF A
CUSTOMER STATUS

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GROUP 3600**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Office Action mailed on October 7, 2003. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

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Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks: begin on page 12 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)Applicant(s): **WILLIAMS et al.**

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3624Invention: **SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NOTIFYING AN ELECTRONIC BILLING VENDOR OF A****CUSTOMER STATUS**TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**RECEIVED****JAN 12 2004**

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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INDEP. CLAIMS	6 -	6 =	0 x	\$86.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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